

TO KEEP THE PLANT

Board of Trade's Proposition to
Secure Blank Creditors

OF NELSON, MATTER & CO

Meeting soon to be called—Unsecured
Creditors anxious to discontinue
litigation and reorganization.

Secretary Kinsey of the board of trade has been corresponding with the unsecured creditors of Nelson, Matter & Co. in New York and Chicago with reference to reorganizing the company, and as a result Mr. Hervey and Mr. Mariner of those cities came here to look over the situation. In speaking for themselves and other large outside unsecured creditors they authorized the board of trade to make an informal proposition to such banks as are secured creditors of the bankrupt concern. In speaking of the matter yesterday to a reporter for THE HERALD Secretary Kinsey said:

"When an expression from the larger creditors of this kind is sent, there will be some incentive to try and arrange a meeting of all of the creditors. Our only desire is to reverse the condition of things now. We would like to see litigation stopped and the factory running. We believe that this can be done to great advantage to all creditors. If a reorganization on an equitable basis can be brought about, the secured creditors will undoubtedly get their money with interest in the end, while the unsecured will work out their claims when the secured are paid. Certain it is that the litigation is sure to destroy one of the principal institutions in the city, and the city's credit, its property, commercial and business interests will suffer many thousands of dollars. The proposition is this: The unsecured creditors will organize into a stock company and purchase the plant and operate the same. They will take stock for the full amount of their claims; the secured creditors under the second mortgage to take stock for 50 per cent and bonds for 50 per cent of their claims, while the secured creditors under the first mortgage are to take stock for 25 per cent and bonds for 75 per cent of their claims. How the banks will receive the proposition we cannot tell, but this would make a strong institution, as it would have between \$500,000 and \$700,000 in assets and only about \$250,000 in debts, all paid. The taking of stock would wipe out the greater portion of the present indebtedness. This would also secure a permanent investment of a large amount of outside capital."

City News in Brief.

Mrs. Briggs' ton of the Park Congregational church will hold a musicale this evening at the residence of Mrs. E. T. Danvers, No. 343 Cherry street. Miss Baldwin of Chicago will sing. Mrs. E. K. E. Carpenter, Mrs. Andrew Fyfe, Mrs. Frank M. Davis and Mrs. L. P. Eddy will be the patronesses.

Herbert L. Cope, a young impersonator and humorist, will give an entertainment for the benefit of the veterans at the Soldiers' home tonight. Mr. Cope is only 19 years old but has received favorable mention where he has given his entertainments.

A. May of the Giant Clothing company entertained a large number of old time friends of this city, New York city, East, Michigan, and other places. Elegant refreshments were served and the company had a most delightful time.

Connor, No. 33, K. O. T. M., gave a progressive padro party last evening in his hall in the Lockery Building. There were about thirty present. The first prizes were won by Mrs. George Benham and J. H. Docksey.

At the recent annual meeting of the Hackney Park assembly it was decided to hold the next convention from July 19 to August 2 and to hold the camp meeting from August 2 to August 11.

Dr. J. B. Griswold, acting president of the Lincoln club, will soon announce the members of the committee to make arrangements for the annual banquet in February.

James Monogue, an employee at the Grand Rapids chair factory, lost the end of the middle finger of his right hand by a band saw yesterday.

The Columbian Club club has been reorganized and will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dibble of Lagrange street Wednesday evening.

Yesterday's bank clearings amounted to \$107,447.04. The clearings for the corresponding day of last year were \$145,860.37.

The Rev. Mr. Wigle will speak at the mission, No. 19 Waterloo street, tonight. His subject is, "I Do Not Know."

Work on the Pythian temple will be resumed as soon as the structural iron is received.

The examination of teachers for Kent county will be held today at the court house.

Personal Mention.

Auditor General Stanley W. Turner of Lansing, dropped into The Morton last night and spent the evening with his old time friend, Neal McMillan of Rockford, state oil inspector.

Judge J. Byron Jenkins of Reed City registered in The New Livingston yesterday. Judge Jenkins is in Grand Rapids to make preparations to move his family to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel Hunt of Bangor, Maine, while on their way to their home from the world's fair, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duffee of this city for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wolf of Everett, Minnesota, and their daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Amborg of No. 14 North Division street.

Judge and Mrs. J. W. Ramsom left for Portland, Oregon, yesterday, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lena Kirk of Chrysanthemum are the guests of Mrs. Kirk's sister, Miss Maggie Dufur.

Mrs. J. G. Lee and son are visiting relatives and friends in Chicago and being in the city.

Mrs. M. E. Griffin is in Ann Arbor visiting her mother, Mrs. Caroline Cheney.

Miss Isabel Murray is home from Chicago, where she spent the summer.

Mrs. J. W. Hamilton and Mrs. Marsh Dyer have returned from Chicago.

W. G. Hoppelheimer and R. M. Atwood left yesterday for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Avery have returned from Chicago.

R. H. Luce and Will Shaw went to Chicago last night.

Charles Bodenstedt has gone to Pasadena, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Hayman and Miss Mattie Wiseman of New York city are

visiting A. Herman, No. 213 South Union street.

Senator Doran is in Detroit to remain until Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stinson are home from Chicago.

Mrs. Harvey J. Hollister has gone to Rochester.

Sherwood Hall went to Lake Odessa yesterday.

Edwin F. Uhl left yesterday for New York.

Dr. D. Emmet Welch is in Chicago.

Mrs. C. P. Coffin is in Chicago.

IF HE WERE THE EDITOR.

How a Local Reporter Was Taught a Bit of Wisdom.

One of the accepted maxims in the newspaper world is that anybody and everybody can edit a newspaper better than the man paid for doing it. Out of the most persistent adherents of this proverb is a reporter on a local morning exchange. All reporters nurse the hope that some day they will be in a position to demonstrate to the world that their editorial genius has been cruelly obscured; but this particular reporter imagines that God never made him but one editor, and cruel fate has decreed that he shall chase brief items of news as a humble reporter.

The reporters of the daily papers of this town enjoy nothing more than to exult over the publication of exclusive bits of news in their respective papers. Yesterday it so happened that a party of reporters met in the city hall. The subject of "woops" came up, and the young man who thinks that he is unjustly shut out of the editorial chair complained bitterly because THE HERALD had taken occasion to call attention to the fact that THE DEMOCRAT had been badly scooped on the Minister's Conference meeting of Monday.

"I don't see why any fuss should be made about it," he exclaimed. "It didn't amount to anything anyway."

"But," interrupted a reporter for an evening paper, "you published over a column of the same story the next day."

"Well, that was not my fault. Had I been the editor I wouldn't have noticed it," he replied.

"Exactly, you would not print the news because you were scooped," said the evening paper's reporter, "but you did publish it in the evening paper."

"It was black mean in THE HERALD to rub it in, that's all I've got to say," he rejoined with a snap.

"Even so; it is not without the memory of the oldest inhabitant that THE DEMOCRAT scored a scoop on THE HERALD and afterwards not only rubbed it in, but clubbed it in, devoting several days to the triumphantly agreeable task," explained the evening paper man.

"That was before my time," apologetically acknowledged the wise reporter who hugs to be an editor.

"Yes, the scope has all been the other way since your time."

At this thrust the indignant would-be editor exclaimed passionately—"Black, blank!" If I was editor of our paper I would dispose of THE HERALD in ten short lines, see?"

"Possibly," was the cool retort. "But if you were the editor of your paper you too short lines might stir up a hornet's nest and you might come out of the mess a badly stung man."

"I wouldn't care a blank for that," he heavily retorted. "If I was editor I would edit the paper that's all."

"But as you are only a reporter would it not be well to get the news and thereby save the editor of your paper the necessity of replying to criticisms on your failure to get it? You must remember that the newspapers are glass houses and when one throws a rock and shatters a pane, the other is in wait for a chance to hurl the rock back again."

The reporter whose ambition is to be an editor saw the justice of the evening paper's reporter's remarks and confessed that perhaps his paper might be issued one or twice more with its present lauded and efficient editor-in-chief.

RAILROAD CLERKS BANQUET.

Pleasant Gathering of the Association Last Night.

The railway employees' association is one of the prosperous social clubs of the city and comprises in its membership a number of the active railway clerks in the city. Once each year the club gives a banquet and enjoys a social session.

Last night the banquet for 1893 was held in the club rooms at the corner of Lyon and Ottawa streets. There were no invited guests, as in former years, but there was a good attendance of members of the club. The rooms were prettily decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns.

Early in the evening card games and stories occupied the attention of the boys and at 10 o'clock they sat down to discuss the supper. The following program of toasts was carried out. At the dinner the president, "Our Association," F. H. McGuire; "The Railroad Clerks," C. L. Rogers; "Fraternity," H. J. Gray; "Transportation Building at the World's Fair," E. A. Stace.

Board of Trade Annual.

At the next regular meeting of the directors of the board of trade, which will occur the second Tuesday in November, arrangements will be made for the annual meeting of the members of the board on the following Tuesday for the election of directors. Heretofore the custom has been to hold a nominating caucus previous to the annual election but whether this plan will be followed this year will be decided at the next meeting. The board of directors is now composed of forty-five members, the terms of twenty three of which expire this year. The board has been in existence six years, and during that time Col. George G. Briggs has served as president. The members are confident that much is due to the ability and successful business methods of the board and the present influence in mercantile affairs.

Good Templars State Work.

Dr. L. O. Miller of Three Rivers, P. J. Connolly of Muskegon and Albert Dodge of this city, composing the lecture committee of the grand lodge of Good Templars of Michigan, held a meeting here yesterday and made arrangements for two courses of lectures this winter by able temperance speakers accompanied by talented singers. The Rev. John Hobson of Niagara Falls and M. A. Lee of Niles will work together, and Prof. S. D. Williams and Charles R. Benjamin of Fowlerville will comprise the second team. A series of schools of instruction for the lodges during the next three months was also provided, with Albert Dodge as instructor.

Distinguished Preacher Coming.

The Right Rev. Theodore Wendt, D.D., L. D., O. C. L., bishop of North Carolina, is expected to arrive in the city on Saturday next as the guest of his college friend and associate, Bishop Gillette. Dr. Lyman, at the time of his election to the episcopate of North Carolina, was the rector of the largest church in San Francisco and was known throughout the country as a brilliant pulpit orator. A reputation he will doubtless maintain. The distinguished clergyman will preach morning and evening on Sunday in St. Mark's E. church.

M'KEE IS NOW FREE

Judge Adair Passed Upon the
Lower Court Testimony

DISCHARGING THE DEFENDANT

It Has Been a Strange Case and Has Attracted Much Attention.

The McKee rape case was thrown out of court yesterday by Judge Adair, who quashed the information on motion of S. D. Clay, attorney for McKee. The case is one of the strangest which ever found its way into the courts of Kent county and has attracted widespread notice. Judge Adair reviewed the testimony taken in the justice court and decided as follows:

"The court finds upon careful examination of the proofs taken before the examining magistrate:

1. That while it is barely possible to find from detached portions of the testimony of the complaining witness, Charlotte Handley, that the crime had been committed, yet her testimony taken as a whole, negatives such a construction of those portions of her testimony from which it taken as true, it might be inferred that the crime had been committed, and renders her testimony on that point exceedingly improbable.

2. The testimony of Mabel Dunham, Fred E. Remington, and George W. Tubbs, three of the people's rogues witnesses, squarely contradicts the testimony of the complaining witness upon the vital point at issue.

3. The testimony of the complaining witness upon that point is not corroborated in any particular by any witness.

4. The court therefore finds that there is no direct evidence in the case that the crime had been committed and no evidence from which it can be legally inferred that the crime had been committed as charged. The motion to quash is therefore granted.

ALLEN C. ADIR, Circuit Judge."

History of the Case.

There has evidently been some strange influence at work in the case from the first. The first complaint was made for battery. To kill this Charlotte Handley's baby was taken to New York, so that it would not become a public burden. Then a warrant for rape was made out and McKee left the country. The files in the case were all conveniently lost, and nobody ever heard that such a case had been started. Under Mr. Wolcott's administration an entirely new case for rape was started. McKee, supposing all was settled, came back last spring but he kept so shady that it was nearly a month before the officers placed him under arrest. He was examined by Justice Westfall, but owing to Mr. Westfall's illness, the examination was transferred to Justice Holcomb's court, and an error was made in the returns. Judge Grove quashed the information and sent it back for re-examination. In passing on the information, Judge Grove said he would not deal with the facts, but as there was error in the returns, he quashed it on that ground. The case was re-examined in Justice Brown's court, and came up a week ago in Judge Adair's court, where a motion was made to quash the testimony in the lower court, which resulted as above stated.

ALWAYS WITH US.

Women of the Fountain Street Church to Help the Poor.

An entertainment and supper for the benefit of the poor will be given at the parlors of the Fountain Street baptist church next Thursday evening. A very pretty program is being prepared by the members of Miss Mulhern's class, who have the matter in charge. No charge will be made for admission, but the supper tickets will be sold for 25 cents. Everything will be donated, the entire proceeds will go to the poor and will be distributed without regard to the church affiliations of the beneficiaries. It is hoped that there may be a liberal patronage, and to those who are unable to be present in person, it is suggested that they buy and present tickets to those who have not the means with which to buy for themselves.

Ladies' Union Elects Officers.

The Ladies' Union of the Ames Methodist Episcopal church, held its annual meeting yesterday at the residence of Mrs. F. P. Roy, No. 273 Seventh avenue, and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. E. D. Bacon; vice president, Mrs. Joseph Troutman; secretary, Mrs. Etta Raven; treasurer, Mrs. George Elliott. During the past year the union has raised \$114 for church work.

Poison in His Stomach.

Coroner Locher and Dr. Patterson held a post-mortem examination on the body of Charles Bateman in Mason's undertaking rooms yesterday morning and found the lining of his stomach badly corroded by arsenic or some similar poison. It was decided that he took the poison with suicidal intent.

When pain and anguish wring the brow.

A ministering angel thou—Bromo-Seltzer.

What Mr. Taylor Saw.

City Attorney Taylor returned yesterday from the world's fair. He says the best thing he saw was the people, but he did not go to see the animal show. The largest thing he saw was his hotel bill, but his hotel went into the hands of a receiver the next day after he registered there. The poorest thing he saw was his own pocketbook after it had been through the Midway plannet.

Can't Wash it Out.

Anything dyed black with Diamond Dye fast black always stays black. There are three kinds: fast black for wool, fast sticking black for cotton, and fast black for silk and feathers. They will dye dresses, cloaks, suits, trousers, ribbons, feathers, stockings, etc., a rich, full black that will not crack, fade or wash out. Be sure to get Diamond Dye, as they embody the latest discoveries and are superior to all other dyes.

Poisoned the Delator.

Owing to the rain there were none of the officers of the Y. M. C. A. congress present at the session last night but a temporary organization was effected and the subject for debate, the single tax, was adjourned for a week. A hour was spent in making motions and discussing parliamentary questions.

That Joyful Feeling.

With the exhilarating sense of renewed health and strength and internal cleanliness, which follows the use of Hygiee's

Pills, is unknown to the few who have not progressed beyond the old time medicines and the cheap substitutes sometimes offered but never accepted by the well informed.

Chrysanthemum Show.

Saturday morning, Oct. 28th. Don't miss it. Invite your friends to Brown's Seed Store, 24 and 26 North Division street.

Shiloh's Cure, the great cough and croup cure, is for sale by us. Pocket size contains twenty-five doses, only 25c. Children love it. Sold by F. J. Wurzburg.

Every-day excursions to Chicago via C. & W. M. \$3.40 every day.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

500 Full Blooming—500 Full Blooming.

The Grand Rapids Floral company will make a mammoth show of very fine specimens of full blooming Chrysanthemums Saturday, October 28th, and respectfully invite the ladies of Grand Rapids to inspect the same. The display will be ready at 9 o'clock a. m., and a sale will follow commencing at 10:30 a. m. All lovers of the popular flower should attend the show and sale. Prices will be very reasonable, and free delivery will be made on half a dozen plants or more. There is one feature about the sale that should interest hundreds of ladies of the Valley City, viz., that 10 per cent of the gross sales of this mammoth display will be donated to the St. Cecilia society of this city. The sale will be held at Brown's Seed Store, Nos. 24 and 26 North Division street.

Very Respectfully,
THE GRAND RAPIDS FLORAL COMPANY.

Karl's Clover Root, the new Blood Purifier, gives freshness and cleanness to the complexion and cures Constipation. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by F. J. Wurzburg.

\$5.40 to Chicago and return tonight, via G. R. & I. train leaving at 11:20 p. m. and for all trains every day this week.

If you want the very best flour at reasonable prices buy "LILLY WHITE." It will make more and better bread for the money than any other.

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Five Wonderful Bargains!

There are Many Others Like Them in the Benefit Sale!

Lot 2337. Heavy Kersey Overcoats, black, brown and dark gray, flannel lined, extra long, with velvet collars, worth \$12..... \$7.48

Lot 2329. Fine Beaver Overcoats, black and blue, extra long, lined with farmer's satin and worth \$14..... \$8.38

Lot 2202. Elegant Globe Beaver Overcoats, black, blue, brown and dove colors, made up in the finest style and worth \$15..... \$9.98

Lot 2264. Heavy black cheviot suits serge lined, well made up, sold all over for \$12..... \$7.87

Lot 1218. Harris cassimere men's suits in dark gray, hairline patterns, warranted all wool and worth \$16..... 12.00

See the Suspender Window! 50c Gaiters for 24c.

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